

REMARKS

35 USC § 103

Claims 18-22, 24-25, 36, 41-42, 47-49, 51-52 and 76-77 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over FR 281602 in view of Hattori (US 6165676) and further in view of Miyamoto et al (US 6808857).

Claims 18-21, 24-25, 36, 41-42, 47-49, 51-52 and 76-77 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over FR 281602 in view of Drage (US 5858547) and further in view of Miyamoto et al (US 6808857).

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with all of these rejections. The rejected claims are canceled herein in order to allow the allowable claims to proceed without costing the client additional resources on this individual application. The canceled claims will be pursued through a divisional application in order to provide arguments addressing those separately. Therefore, cancellation of those claims herein should not be viewed as any sort of admission on the Applicant's part that those claims aren't allowable. They are merely being canceled in order to pursue them separately and move the allowable claims forward. The Examiner's rejections in the current final office action are mooted and therefore, a notice of allowance should be issued immediately.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 26, 30-33 and 53-56 are pending in this application, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the claims in light of the arguments presented and allow all pending claims. The Examiner should not need to issue an Advisory Action in this case, since the claims amendments purely put the claims in condition for allowance, which is one of the conditions where claims amendments are allowed after a final office action.

Respectfully submitted,
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